REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 8-12 have been canceled.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at (831) 655-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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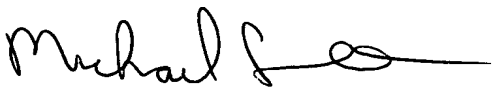

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